

Administration of Barack H. Obama, 2009

Statement on the National Endowment for Democracy's 2009 Democracy Award Recipients

June 25, 2009

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend the National Endowment for Democracy's 2009 Democracy Award recipients Jorge Luis Garcia Perez, Jose Daniel Ferrer Garcia, Librado Linares, Ivan Hernandez Carrillo, and Iris Tamara Perez Aguilera and all the brave men and women who are standing up for the right of the Cuban people to freely determine their country's future. Like too many of their fellow citizens, four of these individuals have been unjustly jailed for defending the basic freedoms we all hold dear in the Americas. It is my sincere hope that all political prisoners who remain jailed, including three of today's award recipients, will be unconditionally released and allowed to fully participate in a democratic future in Cuba.

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Names: Ferrer Garcia, Jose Daniel; Garcia Perez, Jorge Luis; Hernandez Carrillo, Ivan ; Linares, Librado; Perez Aguilera, Iris Tamara.

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